

9. (Amended) A remote control centre as claimed in claim 6 in which the electronic transmitting means transmits electronic message data by way of the connectionless network directly to an address of requesting apparatus.

10. (Amended) A remote control centre as claimed in claim 6 in which the electronic transmitting means creates an electronic mail message including the release code(s) and causes the message to be transmitted to a mailbox address associated with requesting apparatus.

11. (Amended) A remote control centre as claimed in claim 6 in which the release codes associated with security aware apparatus are grouped in accordance with associated home control units, the receiving means receiving electronic messages from home control units and the transmitting means returning multiple respective release codes using electronic messaging by way of a connectionless network.

14. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 in which the second transmitting means forwards the electronic message to an electronic mailbox associated with the remote control centre.

15. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 in which the first transmitting means forwards release codes to security aware apparatus by superimposing signalling on a mains electrical circuit to which both the home control unit and the security aware apparatus are connected.

16. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 in which the first transmitting means transmits release codes to security aware apparatus using low power radio transmission.

18. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 in which the first transmitting means transmits release codes to security aware apparatus by forwarding a message to an address of a connectionless data network.

19. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 in which the first receiving means monitors a mains electrical circuit for signals superimposed thereon by security aware apparatus.

20. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 in which the first receiving means is a low power radio receiver.

22. (Amended) A home control centre as claimed in claim 12 in which the first receiving means monitors a point of presence in a connectionless network for messages including release code requests.

23. (Amended) A home control unit as claimed in claim 12 further including means to calculate a locational code from a global positioning satellite system, the locational code being included in data messages sent to the remote control centre.

24. (Amended) A security aware apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further including means to calculate a locational code from a global positioning satellite system, the locational code being included in data messages sent to the remote control centre.